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TRANSPLANTING AN INDUSTRY TO AMERICA.

The whole problem of whether a tariff should be for protection or merely for revenue, with all its complications and economic phases, is raised in connection with the discussion of the duty on lemons, which the Aldrich bill proposes approximately to double.

There is strong objection to advancing this duty from 80 cents to \$1.50 per box of twenty-five dozens. It is said that this will add at least 10 cents per dozen to the selling price. The increase is asked by the California lemon growers, who are now producing about one-third the country's consumption of lemons, and have extensive groves planted which have not yet come into bearing. It is declared that if they have an even chance in the home markets, the California people will in an other decade or two furnish all the lemons the country uses.

The country imports about \$3,000,000 worth of lemons a year; that is, \$3,000,000 worth at the price in Sicily, whence most of them come. The duty on them is about \$1,400,000. They cost about 5 cents per dozen in the foreign market.

There is no serious question that California could produce all the lemons the country uses. But California is 3,000 miles from the greatest market of the country—that of the Eastern cities. The Californians at present practically monopolize the Western markets, because the freight rates favor them. They are unable to do much business in the Eastern market, because of the high freight charge. But they will need that market when their new groves come into production.

Now, the theory of the protective tariff is to encourage business and production at home. To encourage California to produce all the lemons the country uses, will make business, not only for the people who raise the lemons, but also for the transportation companies which haul them to the market. If the Sicilian lemon is to be raised in Sicily and hauled to America in foreign owned ships. If those lemons are raised in California, both the production and transportation will be added to the business of this country.

It is charged that lemons will cost more if the tariff is raised. But experience shows that lemons have become cheaper as the tariff has risen from time to time been raised and the home production has increased. That raises the question whether the foreigner pays the tax. Of course he doesn't; but home production has in many industries done away with the necessity of anybody paying it.

The case of the lemon is a fine example of the whole problem involved in tariff revision.

THE CASE FOR A MERIT SYSTEM IN FIVE WORDS.

Grand juries are not muck-rakers. The uplift rarely makes its headquarters in the room with a uniformed marshal at the door. But here is testimony as to the merit system which comes from that source and will no doubt make a deep dent in the public opinion of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"We also find that the heads of departments are harassed and badly handicapped by persistent and greedy aldermanic politicians insisting and enforcing incompetent help upon them (presumably to pay their political debts). If the heads of the departments had absolute control of their offices and employees, and under civil service, it would be a godsend for the taxpayers."

There is the case against a non-merit system in five words:

"A godsend for the taxpayers."

ARE WE PREPARING FOR THE AUTOMOBILIST?

As another evidence of the seriousness of the automobile problem, the statement is made by the New York Times that the good roads commission of that State has decided not to build any more trunk lines until some material has been found that the State can afford to use which will withstand the wear and tear of the automobile. The Times says:

It is not the fault of the automobilists or of their machines that the roads are in their present plight, but the fault of the road builders. They have stupidly persisted in dressing their surfaces with a finely comminuted material which they well knew must be displaced and thrown to the rear by the so-called suction of broad rubber tires.

Of course, it has been the considera-

tion of cost which has deterred road builders from meeting this difficulty. But the problem must be met and solved, and it is to be assumed that Maryland's good roads commission, now entering upon the expenditure of millions, is giving due attention to it in its plans for the important improvements now under way in our neighbor State.

When the trunk line is completed from the Pennsylvania line to Washington there is every reason to expect that it will draw automobilists from all parts of the North and East to the Capital. Automobilists swarm to a good road as bees swarm to honey, and Maryland would welcome them. The only thing is that in building the road which they will use it ought not to be forgotten that they are destructive of old-style roads. It is unsafe to go on the assumption that roads will not be used extensively by automobiles. But the enterprising State will be that which hopes to be popular with them.

APPOINT THE MUNICIPAL ARCHITECT ON HIS MERITS.

Congress has allowed the District Commissioners a salary of \$3,000 a year for the new post of municipal architect. Of course no eminent architect can be obtained for any such sum. Of course the Commissioners must do their best with the sum at hand. But the people of the District have a right to expect of the Commissioners that they will make the appointment to this office in the light of these manifest needs:

That the municipal architect shall have training to do well the special work which will constitute 90 per cent of his designing—the planning of school buildings.

That he shall be, if possible, of such a size as to merit the larger salary, not less than \$5,000, which ought to be allotted to his post.

That he shall be appointed solely on his merits.

DO GIRLS WHO WORK MAKE THE BEST WIVES?

The president of Holyoke College for Girls, who makes a business of knowing what is best for women, has come to the conclusion that girls who have to go out into the world and make their own living, when married, are better wives than girls who have had nothing to do except to prepare for matrimony.

The head of this college believes that work makes girls more appreciative of a home and better able to take care of it. She says that she used to have a different idea, but study of the question has convinced her that she was wrong. It is difficult to lay down a hard and fast rule about marriages. They turn out to be successes and failures in the most surprising way. Some of them which seem to have been celestially planned wind up in the divorce courts before one would think the participants had had time to get thoroughly acquainted. While others, for which a stormy and tempestuous voyage is freely predicted by sympathizing friends, sail along as peacefully as if marital infidelity were unknown. One trouble is many people marry because they think they have to marry. Girls accept men for whom they have no particular affection, but because they are ashamed not to marry. When empty-headed people of this kind happen to hit it off together the knot is without a particle of sanctity and any excuse is grasped to sunder it.

It can be understood why the marriage of a girl who works for a living does not wind up in the divorce courts so often. For one thing, she does not have to marry for a home, and for that reason is not apt to take the first man who comes along and asks her. She has learned to be independent and is not afraid of the future. She has also learned enough of the world to tell something about the character of men. She can tell the genuine from the counterfeit. No doubt this faculty more than anything else keeps her from making the mistake that her sister in society so frequently makes. Still another reason is that the experience of the girl who has had some sort of business training makes her in many cases a better companion for her husband. She understands and knows about things outside of the house that interest him. She knows all about him and his affairs. He could not conceal them from her if he would. Finally she is under no delusion about man—even the one man—being an angel without wings. Observation has taught her that he is human. She knows he will err and she can discount his foibles and frailties. When they appear romance does not go out of her life—she knew he was not perfect.

It is possible for women who do not have to earn their own living to acquire all these characteristics. But possession of them may have considerable to do with the success of the married life of girls who are not so fortunate.

Tradition is that in the French revolution one of the grievances against the Bourbon Queen was that, learning her people were crying for bread and had none, she demanded to know why they didn't eat cake. It wouldn't sound so funny nowadays, with bread our leading luxury and prices traveling in an aeroplane.

Now, then, Senators, you've got it; can't you kindly make arrangements to get rid of it soon?

This report from Interior China that an army of three to four millions of men is being drilled and trained in the use of modern arms may be calculated to cool the military ardor of a number of Occidental powers.

That Minneapolis man who wants the Government to interfere with the wheat corner probably got impaled on it.

Who Should Be The Protected?

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1909.
Editor, The Washington Times:
Your today's editorial on "The Duty Which Confronts the Senate" induces many questions, these among them: Where and who are the "people," the masses, the millions of consumers," you ask the Senate to "give consideration to." Are they the "idle rich" and "tramps"? Are not the "masses, the millions of consumers," all of them producers except the two classes above mentioned?

Why have you forgotten the toilers in every branch of gainful occupation, on the farm, in the factory, at the forge and furnace, in the mine, and in the mill, the ranchman with his herd, the clerk in the office, the men and women in the sweat and toil of the city? Where? Why should not the Senate give consideration to this public, these masses, these millions of producers by framing a tariff that will safeguard their earnings against the much lower wages and pay at their competitors in foreign countries?

And why should "the country insist upon punishing somebody" if Congress makes a tariff law in accordance with the mandate of the Republican platform upon which the party in power reached power; and also, Mr. Editor, are you sure that the Senate has authority to speak for the people, the masses, and the millions?

RICHARD CAMPION,
Philadelphia.
Washington address, The Occidental.

Capital Tales

EVERY afternoon now, along about the hour of 3 o'clock, one can see various automobiles draw nigh the Capitol and the office buildings, and, after getting well filled with passengers, head in the direction of the baseball grounds. For the baseball bacillus operates on Senators and Representatives just as it does on other folks.

The exodus from the Senate end of the Capitol is particularly interesting. Several members insist on going, the tariff to the contrary notwithstanding. Senator Crane goes on the slightest provocation. He plays the game well himself, being an expert pitcher, and likes to see a game of baseball better than to eat Senator Culbertson of Texas (his frequent visitor to the park). Senator Scott is another. Incidentally, Senator Scott gets as excited as any other fan at the game, and is not hard as he does for his nearest neighbor on the Senate floor. Former Senator Stewart of Nevada is one of the most ardent devotees of the game to be found around Washington, and never misses a game if he can help it.

Undoubtedly the best baseball player in Congress is John Kinley Tener, of the Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania dissembling says in his biography: "Played professional baseball, 1887 to 1890." Tener was one of the crack players of the Chicago team in those days.

One of the large factors in the framing of the tariff bill, though he is not generally known, is John E. Aldrich, clerk of the Senate Committee on Finance, and the assistant general of Senator Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich is a power in the Senate, but he would be less effective if he didn't have Senator Aldrich's aid. His method incarnated. He is a persistent worker and as methodical as a piece of machinery, tireless, cold-blooded, calculating, and efficient. Aldrich is able to get along without him, but not easily.

THE Senate is racking its brains over the question of how to get the rats out of the new office building. A resolution of inquiry may be put through if the rodents get worse. All sorts of stories are told as to the proportions of the host which has invaded the new establishment. One of them is that the rats took possession of one of the subway autos the other night and sat about on the cushioned seats in imitation of statesmen.

Anyhow, the rats are almost numberless. It is one of the worries of Senator Crane, who is chairman of the Rules Committee. If they are frequent now, he is wondering what will happen when the restaurant opens. The rats took advantage of the new subway to travel in hordes from the Capitol over to the new office building, which they seem to think preferable as a habitation.

This invasion recalls the fact that when the House Office Building was opened it was overrun with rats. They were attracted there by the large quantities of second-class meat which the House had sent there for distribution to constituents.

As soon as Senator Aldrich had the new tariff bill safely introduced into the Senate he celebrated by returning home and had a party with them. The afternoon for the purpose of making up some of the sleep he had lost in the night sessions of the Finance Committee.

THEY WERE talking about census matters in the Senate the other day. Senator Gallinger was making observations on the cruelty of the proposition of paying low salaries.

"I do not believe," said Gallinger, "that the Director of Census will be cruel enough when he has \$14,000,000 at his disposal to ask any young man or young woman in this period of the world's history to take Government employment at \$50 per month. He ought not to be given that job."

"I can well recall the time," said Senator Carter, "when I felt that if I ever got \$50 a month I would be as well paid as I ever deserved or expected."

"But that," said Gallinger, "was at a time when the Senator did not live in the city of Washington and prices were not what they are today."

"It would come nearer paying my expenses than that \$50 a month does now," replied Senator Carter.

That is very likely, observed the Senator from New Hampshire.

Representative Bates of the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania district has for a middle name the good old Scriptural title of Laban.

Representative Butler Ames of Massachusetts has invented an alibi, but he is not yet ready for trial. The craft, however, is said to be constructed on "correct" principles.

The persons who claim that women do not amount to anything in politics have never met Mrs. Joseph W. Gaines, the wife of the Representative from West Virginia.

Out in the Gaines district it is said that Mrs. Gaines is a better politician than her husband, and that she gets a lot of votes which, but for her, would go to the other side. She is also her husband's most trusted adviser in things political.

OPERA HOUSE BURNED.
SUPERIOR, Wis., April 14.—The Superior Grand Opera House was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MISS AMBER BECOMES THE BRIDE OF JAMES A. GANNON, OF NEW YORK

Brilliant Party Attends Ceremony at St. Paul's Church.

Miss Mildred Benedicta Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Lambert, married at 10 o'clock this morning in St. Paul's Church to Dr. James A. Gannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Gannon, of New York, the Rev. James F. Mackin officiating in the presence of a large party of relatives and friends.

Quantities of palms, ferns, and Easter lilies formed the church decoration. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a handsome empire gown of heavy white satin embroidered in pearls, and trimmed with effective touches of duchesse and rose point lace. Her long tulle veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and maidenhair ferns.

The bridesmaids were Miss Gertrude Mack, of Philadelphia; Miss Jean Ray, of Pittsburgh; Miss Mary Warner, and Miss Mary Dove, of this city. They wore gowns of cream net over satin, made empire style, elaborately trimmed with white lace, and large icignon hats trimmed with white willow plumes. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and magnolias.

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Mrs. Lambert's Gown.

Mrs. Lambert, mother of the bride, wore a becoming gown of taupe messaline silk, trimmed with gold lace, and in her hair she wore a bird of paradise.

Mrs. Gannon, mother of the bridegroom, wore a gown of silver-green embroidered crepe de chine made empire style.

F. S. Gannon, Jr., of New York, was best man for Dr. Gannon, and the groom's best man was Dr. Gannon, Jr., of New York; Dr. Benjamin Perry, of Frederick, Md.; Dr. Roy D. Adams, Dr. John Foote, Lev. Cooke, and Dr. Easton, of Washington, and Dr. Edward Gannon and Albert Gannon, of New York.

The ceremony at the church was followed by a wedding breakfast and reception for the wedding party and out-of-town guests at the residence of the bride's parents on Massachusetts avenue. The parlors were beautifully adorned with Southern smilax, palms, ardisia, and white roses, and the dining room was in palms and yellow spring blossoms.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Gannon, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Gannon, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mack, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Taft Entertains.
Mrs. Taft had a party of friends at her guests in a box at the National Theatre yesterday afternoon for the concert by Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony Orchestra. In Mrs. Taft's party were Mrs. G. G. Taft, Mrs. Frank S. Gannon, Miss Aldrich, and Mrs. Bryan Lathrop, of Chicago.

The East Room presented a charming scene on the occasion of a ball given for young people given by Mrs. Taft for Miss Helen Taft and the house party of young people who are spending the season at the White House. The Marine Band furnished the music for the dancing, and a supper was served in the state dining-room at midnight.

Several young people's dinner parties preceded the dancing, and the hostesses being Mrs. Nathaniel S. Simpkins, who entertained a party of the young people at the National Theatre, and Miss Louise Hellen, Miss Dorothy Gardner Williams, Miss Alice Damrosch, and Miss Evelyn Peters.

Senator Keen of New Jersey and Miss Keen were dinner hosts last evening, inviting a distinguished company from diplomatic and official circles to meet the Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox.

Capt. and Mrs. Warren Beach, who have recently returned to the Capital, had a party at their residence on H street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Mountford Baker are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Monday, April 12, at Christ's Hospital, Cincinnati.

Miss Bates, wife of Gen. A. E. Bates, returned to Washington this morning from Asheville, N. C., where she has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn McKee.

Miss Dorothy Brooks, a junior at Gunston Hall School and a daughter of Mrs. E. C. Brooks, yesterday was hostess at a tea yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, in honor of the Sigma Iota Chi Sorority.

Miss Brooks was assisted by Miss Perkins, followed by a supper in her home, on Seventeenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kinner have been making a reception Friday evening, April 16, from 8 until 10:30 o'clock, in their home, 1520 California street, in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Representative and Mrs. James Breck Perkins were among the most entertaining dinner parties last evening.

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White House Callers

Senators Borah of Idaho, Shively of Indiana, Cummins of Iowa, Representatives Richardson of Kentucky, Sherman of Kentucky, Small of North Carolina, Kahn of California, Dawson of Iowa.

Mrs. Archibald Gracie is spending several days in New York, the guest of her mother and sister, Mrs. Schack and Mrs. Temple Merritt.

Going to Annapolis.
The Baroness von Paumgarten and her daughter, Baroness Marie von Paumgarten, will leave Washington shortly for Annapolis to spend several days.

Miss Barbara Hoze, of this city, is spending several days at Baltimore, the guest of Miss Janet Farran, 345 Calvert street.

The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman are the honor guests of Representative and Mrs. Herbert Parsons at dinner last night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Story entertained at dinner at the Country Club last evening, asking their guests to meet the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. George von Meyer.

The former Vice President and Mrs. La Follette are spending a few weeks of the spring season in Washington, and are occupying their own house at the corner of Rhode Island avenue at Fifteenth street, until recently the home of the former Secretary of State and Mrs. Root. They have leased the house to John Hays Hammond for next season.

Jose Carlos Rodriguez, editor of the Journal de Comercio, of Rio Janeiro, who is visiting in Washington, is being extensively entertained, and is to have an especial presentation to the President some day this week.

Are Dinner Hosts.
Gen. James A. Buchanan and his daughter, Miss Helen Buchanan, had as their guests at dinner last night General Davis and Miss Davis, the former Governor of Montana and Mrs. La Follette, the former Comptroller of the Currency and Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely, Mrs. Richard Harlow, Miss Helen Hunt, of Helena, Mont., who is visiting Miss Buchanan; Captain Davis, and Samuel Maddox.

John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, was host at dinner last night in compliment to the Secretary of the summer in Europe. Tomorrow evening Mr. Barrett will entertain at dinner in honor of the Secretary of State and the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers who constitute the governing board of the Bureau of American Republics. There will be over 100 guests, including the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, several members of the Cabinet, and the members of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Senate and House, and a number of other representatives of men. Speeches will probably be made by the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of the House, the Ambassador, Senator Nabuco, and Senator Root.

Entertain At Dinner.
Mr. Justice and Mrs. Harlan were hosts at dinner last evening, and the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickinson. The additional guests were Mr. Justice White, the Attorney General and Mrs. Wickham, the Postmaster General, Francis H. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunt, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. Harlan and Doctor Radcliffe.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeigh, the guests in whose honor Mr. E. H. G. Slater entertained at dinner last evening.

The military attaché of the German Embassy and Mme. von Livonius, accompanied by their young son, Armin, left Washington today for New York, from where Mr. von Livonius and the baby will sail for Germany on the new Hamburg-American liner Cleveland.

Major von Livonius will make a tour of the West before sailing for Germany to join his family for the summer season.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Blanch L. Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wallace, to Charles W. Nestler, Monday evening, in Wesley Chapel, Rev. Walter G. McNair officiating.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a handsome gown of silver-spangled net, made princess style, over soft tulle, and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley.

An informal reception followed the ceremony in the home of the bridegroom's father, W. A. Nestler. The house was beautifully adorned with palms and spring blossoms, and a supper was served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Nestler left Washington last evening for a Northern trip. After May 1 they will be at home at 514 G street northeast.

Miss Brooks Hostess.
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Easter House Party at the White House Breaks Up.

The house party which has been spending Easter at the White House dispersed this morning, Mrs. Taft going to New York for a few days, where she will probably attend the concert by Miss Flora Wilson this afternoon, and Miss Helen Taft and Miss Morgan returning to school at Bryn Mawr. Robert Taft returned to his studies at Yale, accompanying his father to New Haven, where the President will attend the meeting of the Yale Corporation.

Miss Harriet Anderson and Miss Eleanor Roelker remained at the White House until this afternoon, when they left for Cincinnati, where Miss Roelker will be the guest of Miss Anderson for a few weeks.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, will be at home at the New Willard, Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, that she may have an opportunity of meeting personally the visiting and resident daughters of the American Revolution, and will have with her Mrs. William Cumming Story, State Regent for New York, who will make the introductions.

The Vice President will be present during the afternoon.

For Miss Johnston.
Miss Daville Yulee Noble, daughter of Mrs. William E. Noble, will be hostess at an informal tea this afternoon in her home, on N street, in compliment to Miss Sophy Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marion Johnston, who will make her debut next season.

Miss Noble will be assisted by Miss Margaret Draper and a number of young ladies who will also make their debut to society at this season. The decorations for the table and house will be of spring blossoms and palms.

Mrs. Strother-Smith, of the Westmoreland, will entertain at an informal bridge tea this afternoon in honor of her house guest, Mrs. W. H. Young, of Hampton, Va.

Mrs. Fairfield Carpenter will be hostess at a bridge party of five tables this afternoon, followed by an informal tea.